

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1883

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DHANSRI AND CHAMPAMATI IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF ASSAM

SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to complete Dhansri Irrigation Project in Darrang district and Champamati Irrigation Project in Bongaigaon district in Assam by way of converting AIBP into 100% Centrally Funded schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to the State Government for completion of the projects along with time-frame, if any, fixed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to such ongoing approved major/medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion. The State of Assam has been included under Special Category and the CLA is provided in the ratio 3:1 (Centre:State). Since inception of this programme in 1996-97, Dhansiri Irrigation Project has been provided CLA of Rs. 28.82 crore and Champamati Rs. 13.00 crore. The completion of these projects depends on the priority accorded to these projects and funds made available by the State Government.